

## Permissive FSCMs

**Coordinated Fire Line (CFL):** The CFL is a line beyond which mortars, artillery, and NGF may deliver surface-to-surface fires at anytime without coordination within the zone of the establishing headquarters.

**Purpose.** The purpose of the CFL is to expedite the attack of targets across boundaries and beyond the CFL without coordination with the ground commander in whose zone of action targets are located. The CFL is established by the maneuver battalion commander for his zone of action. It also provides the ground commander with an area within his zone where his forces can operate in safety from friendly surface delivered indirect fires.

**Establishment.** Maneuver battalion commanders are responsible for selecting or approving a recommended CFL location for their zone of action or sector of defense, while supporting artillery commanders and artillery liaison officers at every echelon should make appropriate recommendations concerning its location. The location of the battalion's CFL is forwarded to the infantry regiment through both infantry and artillery fire support coordination channels, where it is approved, consolidated, and forwarded to division level as appropriate. A consolidated CFL may be established for the GCE as a whole, but this is not practical in all cases.

**Location.** The location is based on such factors as the scheme of maneuver, patrol plans, locations of security forces, proximity of lucrative targets, and the troop safety requirements of the maneuver commander. *A CFL is not normally located on identifiable terrain, but should be established as a straight line from grid point to grid point.* This makes coordination of artillery, mortars, and NGF easier since they work very well with grids. Since the CFL does not apply to air assets, identifiable terrain is not required.

**Dissemination.** Location of CFLs are disseminated by message and/or overlay to higher, adjacent, lower headquarters, and supporting commands concerned.

**Graphic Portrayal.** The CFL is graphically portrayed by a dashed black line with the letters "CFL" followed by the establishing headquarters in parentheses above the line and the DTG below the line. Coordinating measures are usually labeled at each end of the measure, space permitting.

Answer the following questions.

1. What is the purpose of the CFL?
  
2. The CFL is applicable to which of the following fire support means?
  - a. Fixed-Wing CAS
  - b. Rotary Wing CAS
  - c. NGF
  - d. Mortars
  - e. Artillery
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for establishing the CFL. The CFL is established based on the recommendation of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. Fires short of the CFL must be requested or approved by the \_\_\_\_\_, who is responsible for that zone of action.

Answers.

1. The purpose of the CFL is to expedite the attack of targets across boundaries and beyond the CFL without coordination with the ground commander in whose zone of action targets are located.
2. NGF, Mortars, Artillery
3. Maneuver commander, supporting artillery commanders, and artillery liaison officers
4. Maneuver commander

Correctly label the CFL below established by the 1st Bn commander that becomes effective 062400ROct9X

